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## CSDR Selected as Challenge School

by Debra K. Boles, Assistant Superintendent

**O**n September 16, 1996, CSDR was presented a certificate that officially named CSDR as one of the schools selected from throughout the State of California as a Challenge School. What does that mean? Quite simply, it means that CSDR along with other school districts selected will be leading the way in making fundamental changes needed to move to a high-performance standard-based system of public instruction for all students.

So, now that we have the certificate, where do we go from here? We will be asking parents, staff, community members, and stu-



dents to roll up their sleeves and join us in working to develop standards of performance in all subject areas for all grade levels, K-12. The process of developing performance standards will be a lengthy one. We will begin the process this school year and continue working on the process until the year 2004!

If you are interested in receiving more information on the Challenge School Program, we will be hosting parent and community information seminars in the near future. Look for the announcements and be ready to "Accept the Challenge!!"

## CSDR Connects with Gallaudet

Several students at CSDR had the opportunity to be involved in a videoconference with I. King Jordan, the President of Gallaudet University. Matt Ellis, a member of the Junior class, served as the moderator for the activity. Matt described the experience of using the videoconference equipment as "mind blowing. It was amazing!" The Videoconference Center was named the Laurent Clerc Conference Center in honor of the first Deaf teacher of the Deaf who left Paris, France to travel with Gallaudet to America and establish the American School for the Deaf in 1817. Students in the Leadership class and in Mr. Vollrath's English class prepared questions to ask Dr. Jordan regarding

his life, leadership skills, and career expectations. Dr. Jordan and the students were very impressed with the clarity of the transmission of sign language through the use of the equipment. Dr. Randall believes that the

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## Introducing CSDR's New Athletic Director

by Gregory Decker

Linda Kent was appointed as the new Athletic Director of the High School/P.E. Department last August, when Jay Kopas moved to Phoenix Day School. During the past 43 years, the P.E. Department has had 9 Athletic Directors. Now, Linda Kent is the first female to

assume the responsibility as Athletic Director at CSDR. She graduated from California State University, San Bernardino with B.A. and M.A. Degrees in Special Education. In 1976, she was hired at CSDR as a dorm counselor for Deaf Multi-Handicapped students, where she worked for 12 years. In 1989, she moved to another department as a P.E. Instructor. She has been very involved with the Riverside Special Olympics for 15 years and has served as area director for 2 years. Linda has already made some changes in the P.E. and sports programs at CSDR. She has changed the CKC Club room by repainting and moving the MVP Bulletin Board into the Club room. She is an inspirational motivator, helping Mr. Greg Decker, along with Mr. Brad Haskell, Activity Director, the Alumni Association, Friends of CSDR, Associated Student



Body Government, and the P.E. Department. The school is building a new trophy case and is returning to the tradition of wearing Scarlet and Gray football uniforms. She worked with the Alumni Association to purchase the new color uniforms. Her future goal is to have CSDR football teams play against the Texas School for the Deaf football teams. She has successfully hosted the Homecoming Game at CSDR against the California School for the Deaf, Fremont. In the next few months, Linda Kent will be busy scheduling and planning the Annual Western Basketball Classic at Phoenix Day School January 30, 31, and February 1, 1997. CSDR and the Alumni Association wish Linda a good year, and we will keep you informed in our Alumni Newsletter and school publications on the development of CSDR's sports program.

The CSDR Alumni Association sends our "Congratulations" to Linda Kent on making history at CSDR by becoming the first female Athletic Director.

### Attention Parents!!!

It is not too soon to begin to think about IEP week. Annual IEP's will be held the week of May 27-30. If there is a specific time or day that you would like your IEP scheduled for, please send your request to your child's principal, or call Penny Valentine at (909) 782-6538 or 782-6539. Your requests must be received before April 1. Requests made after April 1 may not be honored.

Thank you.

Penny Valentine

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equipment can augment instruction at CSDR, assist in interviewing job candidates, enable students to be involved in parent conferences, and hopefully reduce some of the costs and time consumed in travelling to meetings in Sacramento! Mr. Strahan has identified 15 other schools for the Deaf across the United States which are in close proximity to colleges, universities, or private businesses which have the equipment. Dr. Randall noted that the advantage for CSDR to have the equipment is that it makes the equipment much more convenient for the staff to utilize because they do not have to travel.

The School has used the equipment to communicate with other schools and local education agencies. Last year, there was a pilot test of the equipment between CSDR and CSD-F. Last spring, a decision was made to purchase and install the video equipment on campus. Members of a computer class at CSDR had a videoconference with their counterparts at the Texas School for the Deaf. The computer class will be using the equipment again with the students in Texas to learn how those students are involved in computer applications. Students in Nancy Norton's fifth grade class will be using the videoconference equipment to communicate with their Deaf pen pals at a public school program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Wichita, Kansas.

The equipment was also utilized by personnel at Gallaudet University representing their office of admissions and office of continuing education. The use of the equipment brings the world into a former classroom in "P" Building.

## Thank You Note from I. King Jordan

Ken,

*Thanks for the newspaper clipping and videotape. Nice story. Congratulations to you for your forward thinking and the investment in technology. I look forward to seeing you soon.*

King

## Hurry ! Time Is Running Out!!!

*Another student joins the rush to order the 1996 Scarlet & Gray Yearbook: He says, "It's GREAT!"*

"The 1996 Scarlet & Gray Yearbook was so great, I had to be one of the first to get it this year!, exclaimed a CSDR student

"Great, Awesome, Revolutionary, Magnificent, Rad." These words and more have been used to describe the ideas that will eventually become the 1997 Scarlet & Gray Yearbook.

Students have been working hard all year to capture the thoughts, events, and pictures that are sure to make this school year the best one yet.

So, don't be left out - **ORDER your yearbook today!!!**

**Each book - \$40.00**

*Make check payable to: 1997 Scarlet & Gray Yearbook*

## Parent ?? Educator??

Are you a parent of a Deaf or Hard of Hearing child? Are you an educator or interpreter for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing? If the answer is yes, then come join us in Costa Mesa in March.

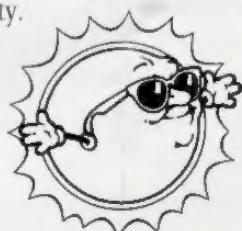
For the second year, two organizations: CAL-ED (Educators of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in California) and IMPACT (Parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children) have come together to host a conference, March 7-9, 1997 at the Westin South Coast Plaza in Costa Mesa.

It is a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and educators from all over the state, see old friends, share experiences, and learn from other parents and educators. This year the conference planning committee is extremely excited that we have three distinguished speakers.

- Friday Night: Welcome Reception with Dr. Robert Davila from NTID
- Saturday: Luncheon with Dr. I. King Jordan - President of Gallaudet University
- Evening Entertainment: Magic Show for children and parents. There will also be a performance for adults only by "Half and Half" (*a must see for those who have not seen this group perform.*)
- Sunday: Closing panel with Dr. I King Jordan, Herb Larson of CSUN, and Dr. Robert Davila.

Not only do we have wonderful keynote speakers, in addition there will be workshops going on throughout Saturday and Sunday morning.

If you need registration information please call, Zibby Bayarsky at (909) 782-6523 v/tty.



## News from The Happy Booker

Helen Johnson Peterson, Librarian

The 26th Annual Book Fair in November was a great success. A big thank-you to my co-workers in the MTS Department: Gena Fischer, Claudia Rodriguez, and David Strahan and his TV news class for advertising the Fair; to the PTCA for the colorful balloons; and to the wonderful parents, students, and staff for purchasing \$1,900.00 worth of paperbacks and books! The proceeds have already enabled us to add many more new paperbacks to our library collection.

We have been receiving donations of books and magazines from various groups and individuals: Fred Butler (a Friend of CSDR); students from my Sign Language Class at Corona-Norco Adult Education for picture books for the children's corner; Carol Adams, our bus driver, for **Silent Night**, by Sue Thomas; and in honor of her 8th birthday last year, Lauren Schiller donated a cute paperback, **All Tutus Should be in Pink**. A large donation also was made in memory of Eleanor Connor, who was the grandmother of Bob Connor, a 9th grade student. We are very grateful for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

This past year we have had the good fortune to have a new library assistant. Sandy Reveles comes to us with many years of experience in the High School department. Please give her a hearty welcome! If you haven't visited the library lately, please come by and see the changes we've made.

We also have High School students: Ryan Sands, Maria Garcia and Kimberly Taylor assisting us from the Work Experience Program. Dana Peterson, a volunteer, has continued to offer her wonderful assistance.

## WASC/CEASD Accreditation



The California School for the Deaf, Riverside, conducted a full self-study in the 1995-96 school year in preparation for an accreditation site visit by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and the Conference of Educational Administrators Serving the Deaf (CEASD). This involved taking a careful look at CSDR's programs and evaluating the School in the light of specific criteria. Students, staff, parents, and community representatives took part in the gathering and analysis of data and the preparation of the various sections of the self-study reports.

The purpose of going through the accreditation process is threefold. First, the self-study allows the entire School community to identify the strengths of the School in several areas: philosophy, goals, and objectives; organizational structure; curriculum; student support services; library and media support; co-curricular activities; staff; school plant; and finance. The WASC and CEASD organizations give specific commendations to the School based on this portion of the self-study. The second part of the self study involves identifying areas where improvement is needed for each of the areas listed above. From this part of the self-study, the WASC and CEASD teams make recommendations for improving the quality of CSDR's programs and services. The third, and perhaps most important, purpose of the self-study is the development of action plans for school improvement. The School develops annual goals based on the self-study and follow-up committees are then formed to ensure that action plans are carried out.

CSDR was fortunate to have two very strong teams of professional educators assist the School in evaluating the overall program. The WASC Visiting Committee consisted of: Dr. Anne Scott, Principal of Highland High School in Bakersfield; Susan Gremillion, a teacher at Costa Mesa High School and former teacher at the Louisiana School for the Deaf; Marsha Jamison, Assistant Principal at La Jolla High School; Peter Rodine, Principal of Excelsior Academy in Phelan; and Ed Ware, Assistant Principal at

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## Special Olympics Soccer

by Oudia Williams

Special Olympics has started off with a bang this year with soccer. October 12, we participated in the Western Riverside Area tournament. We had three teams involved in the tournament.

Our A team including: Diana Aceves, Andrew Danting, Ruben Delgadillo, Darius Edwards, Leandre Gardner, Jonathan Hamlin, Jermaine Martinez, Jeff Tello-Gomez, and Lorna Reyes, won one and tied for a silver medal.

Playing for our B team were Carmen Bolanos, Emmanuel Contreras, Jamal Francis, Sarah Fischer, Glynda Godbolt, David Miranda, Michael Miller, Keeshawn Moore, Kyle Pennington, and Moises Vargas. They played hard to earn a bronze medal.

Our C team, Sam Allen, Erica Belmontes, Andrew Cueva, Doug Keck, Kenya Moore, Chris Mundy, Javier Pena, Karina Robles, Gabe Trujillo and Keshawn Moore were outstanding and won a gold medal.

Our recent tournament was on January 10th. Stay tuned to next month's issue to see how our kids did.

## Jr. NAD Convention at North Carolina

by Scarlet Bernstein and Rebecca Goldenbaum



Greensboro was really nice and the weather was cold, but the sun was bright the whole time. We had a great time from the moment we stepped into the Greensboro airport to the moment we left the conference center where the convention was held.

There were about 300 people in total who attended the convention. It was the second largest number of people ever. Not all states were involved, but 39 sent delegates. We arrived at the airport Tuesday night and a van took us to the Summit Conference Center, where we met new friends and found old friends as well. There were group games and it was fun and challenging. Wednesday through Saturday all we had were workshops and seminars with some panels and games. We also had our Jr. NAD delegates' meetings. We all had to vote for a president and a secretary, and Scarlett was voted as secretary. A boy from Fremont won as president.

On Friday night, we attended the Mr. And Miss Jr.NAD pageant. It was very nice and well-organized. The winners were provided \$500 scholarships, and Mr. Jr. NAD went to a boy from Connecticut. Miss Jr. NAD went to a girl from Louisiana. The last night of the convention was very eventful and fun. Everyone dressed up for the banquet. Rebeeca won the Miss Jr. NAD award. It was an award given for the most energetic, best leadership qualities, and most involved. Afterwards, everyone was treated to a big dance at the gym of the retreat where we stayed.

It was a great experience for both of us. We got many ideas how to be better leaders, not only for our school, CSDR, but also for our deaf community in the future. We made friends from 38 states.

## A Rose for Jake

by Victoria Montes

On Tuesday morning, September 17, 1996 the REACH Department held a dedication ceremony in place of our monthly Business Advisory Council (BAC) meeting. This dedication ceremony was to honor the memory of E.T. "Jake" Jacobs, husband of BAC member Katie Jacobs. At the time of Jake's death, Katie requested donations in lieu of flowers, be sent to Friends of CSDR. The CSDR memorial fund has received donations totaling nearly \$4,000.00 The ceremony was

attended by over thirty guests. A "Harmony" rose bush was planted by CSDR's Memorial Walk near Social Hall. A plaque was donated by Dick Weaver of Amazing Engraving, also a BAC member. The plaque reads "He who has done his best for his own time has lived for all times." Deborah Cook gave the eulogy. Nick Elliott signed the song "The Dance" by Garth Brooks, one of Katie and Jake's favorites. After the ceremony and refreshments (donated by Sue's Creative Catering) a tour of CSDR's pre-school class and the Team Village program was offered for first time visitors.

## First Girl to Play and Complete the Varsity Football Season

by Gregory Decker

Megan Walsh, from San Diego, became the first senior girl to play on the boys' varsity football team of 1996.



Two other girls played football in 1994, but quit the team during the middle of the season.

Megan entered CSDR High School as a junior 1 year ago. She went to a mainstream school

in the San Diego area before she came to CSDR. She is a very active student; a student leader in both residential forums and the academic department. Megan is the Director of Student Athletics as an officer of the Associated Student Body Government. She was responsible for organizing the program book for the Homecoming Game against California School for the Deaf, Fremont. She also became the first female varsity football player to be honored as the 1996 Homecoming Princess. She enjoyed working out with the team and had no fears doing an "all boys" football workout in the field. She earned the respect from her team members and coaches as a good football player. What's amazing is that she never gave up! She says that she gets a big kick when other boys from other teams find out that she was a girl. At the end of a game, when both teams line up to shake hands, she reveals herself to be a girl by removing her football helmet. The other boys could not believe it! She has continued her obvious love of sports, and is now on the girls' varsity basketball team.

Megan will always remember her

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# High School ASBG Happenings

## Mid-Winter Ball

The Associated Student Body Government (ASBG) will host the 1997 Mid-Winter Ball on Wednesday, February 12, 1997 in the Social Hall. The theme this year is "BLIZZARD OF '97". Admission to the dance is FREE for all ASBG members and \$7.00 for non-members. We will have a professional photographer present and various photo packages offered. The evening will conclude with the crowning of the King and Queen! Food and fun for all!

## Blood Drive

The 1997 ASBG Blood Drive is scheduled for Monday, March 24, 1997 in the Social Hall from 12:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. As you know, there always seems to be a shortage of blood in this state. You can plan now to take part in this worthwhile event. GIVE BLOOD . . . THE GIFT OF LIFE !!

For more information about either of these events, please call Brad Haskell, Activities Director at (909) 320-6270.

## Safety Alert

### "The Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act"

The U.S. Congress is now considering legislation called the "Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act" (PRRA). It is a well-intended act in support of parental responsibility for their children. Unfortunately, it is so broadly written that it could be used to destroy the very things parents want.

This bill could allow student safety and protection policies (i.e. drug, alcohol, weapons and related risk restrictions) as well as academic and extracurricular policies for all students, to be overturned by the legal action of a single individual.

Your input is vitally important and wanted. Please call or visit the Family Service Center for information on this bill and how to effectively express your concerns. Sample letters and the addresses of your representatives are available.

Call FSC at 909-782-6623 tty/v.

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CSDR football coaches, Nick Bannon, Paul Maucere, Rick Lantini, Kevin Gamache, David Smith, Jevon Whetter, John Koste, Athletic Director, Linda Kent and her parents for giving her the opportunity to play on the football team, not because she is a girl but because they all believed that a person's dream can come true. Also, she wants to thank her team members for giving her the support and encouragement to keep going on the team.

After graduation from CSDR, Megan wants to attend National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York. She hopes someday to become a computer graphic artist, musician, or a writer.

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Bolsa Grande High School in Garden Grove. The CEASD Visiting Committee included: Dr. Gary Holman, Superintendent of the Washington School for the Deaf; Dr. Gil Delgado, retired Superintendent of the New Mexico School for the Deaf; Dr. Gertie Galloway, Superintendent of the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf in New Jersey; Dr. Susanna Lee, Superintendent of the Margaret Sterck School for the Deaf in Delaware; and Nancy Rarus, Principal of the Kendall Demonstration School in Washington, D.C. These ten people read the lengthy self-study reports; interviewed staff, student, parents, and community representatives; questioned committees on their findings; evaluated General Services components such as cafeteria, infirmary, and Business Office; met with residence hall staff in each area; and observed instruction and programs at all levels in order to validate the conclusions of the self-study.

The WASC and CEASD Visiting Committees presented their findings in an exit review at the end of their four day visit. They commended the entire CSDR community for the comprehensive self-study reports and the thoroughness with which the various committees had examined the School. They generally concurred with the findings of the self-study and expressed their appreciation for the quality of CSDR's program and the professionalism of its staff. Both groups were very positive in their commendations and constructive in their recommendations. They submitted their findings to their respective organizations which then made final determination of the periods of accreditation. Both organizations granted full accreditation to CSDR for the maximum term possible.

The accreditation self-studies for WASC and CEASD required the hard work and cooperation of staff, students, parents, and community representatives. The resulting reports chronicle the many improvements in CSDR's program since the last accreditation cycle, and identify areas to be addressed in the coming six years. Dr. Randall noted that, "Although it was an enormous amount of work, the results will assist CSDR in improving the delivery of services to students and in serving as a resource to other programs throughout Southern California." The School expresses its gratitude to all who worked so hard on the accreditation process.

# Marina Lavelle, '95 - Fourth Runner-Up Miss Deaf America 1996

*Rewritten by Greg Decker (NAD Exposures)*

CSDR Alumnae, Marina Lee Lavelle, Class of 1995, was selected Miss Deaf California during the California Association of the Deaf Convention in Fresno, California on July 28, 1995.

Marina, along with CSDR staff members, Gena Fischer as her chaperone and Jevon Whetter her drama coach, went to Portland, Oregon, July 6 to NAD Convention. She participated in the Miss Deaf America Pageant. Marina, a sophomore at Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., was chosen the 4th runner-up for Miss Deaf America. She was selected among the top 5 finalists. A total of 32 young women participated in the pageant.

Meghan Rainone, Miss Deaf New Jersey, was crowned Miss Deaf America during the 1996 Miss Deaf America at the Concert Hall in Portland, Oregon. Gloria Fuechtmann, Miss Deaf Minnesota, was the first runner-up, and Carla Garcia, Miss Deaf Arizona, was the second runner-up. Melinni Gramer, Miss Deaf Michigan, was third runner-up, and the fourth runner-up was non other than, CSDR former graduate, Marina Lavelle.

Other contestants who placed in the top ten were Glennis Broussard, Miss Deaf Louisiana; Rose Ann Goodman, Miss Deaf Pennsylvania; Ivy Bustamante, Miss Deaf New Mexico; Roberta Mather, Miss Deaf Maryland; and Dawn Walker, Miss Deaf Indiana. Sarita Johnson, Miss Deaf Kentucky, was chosen by her fellow contestants, as Miss Congeniality.

Alcohol addiction was a prevalent theme in this year's pageant. Jennifer Clupper, Miss Junior National Association of the Deaf, performed a moving skit about her father's death at the

hands of a drunk driver. It has had some long-term effects on her family.

Rose Ann Goodman, Miss Deaf Pennsylvania, performed a skit entitled "Drinking and Driving." Melinni Gramer, Miss Deaf Michigan did "One Day at a Time," the story of her own alcohol addiction and recovery.

Mel Carter From

California State University at Northridge,



served as Master of Ceremonies, assisted by Margo Cienik, Miss Deaf America 1984, and Patty Brehan, Miss Deaf America 1986. The on-stage interview question was "Name three things that you would do (as Miss Deaf America) to encourage acceptance of "communication diversity in the deaf community?"

Outgoing Miss Deaf America 1994, Jennifer Yost told NAD Exposures that she was delighted with the selection of her successor. She will now focus on completing her undergraduate studies at Gallaudet University and other personal

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## Alumni Association Donated \$500 to CSDR Football Team

Last June, the CSDR Alumni Association donated \$500 to the CSDR Athletic Program. The gift was to help purchase the new uniforms for the Cub's football

team. The officers of the CSDRAA were delighted to see that the team is bringing back the traditional colors of Scarlet & Gray.

The following is a thank you letter to the President of the CSDR Alumni Association from the Head Football Coach, Nick Bannon.



Dear President Sultan,

On behalf of the 1996 CSDR Cub Football Team and future teams to come, I would like to express thanks and appreciation for the \$500 contribution that the CSDR Alumni Association has given to the CSDR Cubs Football Team. This will enable us to return to CSDR's traditional colors of Scarlet & Gray.

The players are very excited about the new uniforms. There seems to be a greater interest among CSDR students in joining the football team. Our numbers are currently at about 50 players, perhaps the reason being, or at least one of the reasons, the change in uniform colors.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support.

Sincerely yours,  
Nick Bannon

## CSDR High School "Gray or Red Cub Gram"

by Brad Haskell, Activities Director

Beginning in early February, every teacher in the High School (academic and career/vocational) will be given an ample supply of "Cub Grams". These letters will be used by the teachers to convey to parents the progress or difficulties of their students. The "GRAY" Cub Gram will convey commendations of positive progress, while the "RED" Cub Gram explains difficulties that the student is having. These will be sent to the parents periodically, as the teacher sees a need.

The "GRAY" Cub Gram reads:

Your son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ is to be commended for: \_\_\_\_\_

The "RED" Cub Gram reads:

Your son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ is having difficulty with: \_\_\_\_\_

Each letter also contains the name of the teacher, date, and phone number where s/he can be reached. Hopefully, this will help open a more regular line of communication among all concerned.

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goals. During her farewell speech, she thanked her family, and the "three Nancys." They were Nancy Rarus, NAD secretary and Miss Deaf America scheduling agent, Nancy Bloch, NAD executive director, and Nancy Creighton, NAD Broadcaster editor, and her friends for their support.

Jennifer offered the following words of wisdom for her successor: "Whenever you are challenged, whenever you are tested, whenever you are striving, always give your best!"

We, the staff members, are very proud of her accomplishment and she will always be our "Miss Deaf CSDR." Congratulations, Marina!



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